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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/07/07

SPONSOR Vigil LAST UPDATED _____ HB 703

SHORT TITLE DPS Training Division Powers & Duties SB _____

ANALYST Peery-Galon

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Public Safety (DPS)
 Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)
 Game and Fish Department (GFD)
 State Personnel Office (SPO)

No Responses Received From

Governor's Office
 NM Livestock Board
 NM Municipal League
 NM Association of Counties

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 703 changes the name of the Training and Recruiting Division to the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy Training and Recruiting Division; requires the director to report directly to the governor and New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy Board; expands the powers of the director to be the final decision-making authority, responsible for with approval of the board for the division as set forth in Section 9-19-9 NMSA 1978 and execute to each certified law enforcement instructor proper pocket commissions as emergency state commissioned law enforcement officers; and allows for prioritizing the scheduling of all law enforcement academy facilities to first and foremost meet the needs of the New Mexico Law

Enforcement Academy, with preference given to other state law enforcement agencies or organizations based on available space.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

DPS states transferring fiscal responsibility of the academy away from the secretary of DPS to the Law Enforcement Academy director could lead to potentially conflicting issues regarding spending.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SPO states the proposed legislation's intent is to provide concise language allowing the division to maintain autonomy consistent with the division's purpose and to clarify the director's authority.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DPS states that currently the Law Enforcement Academy Board oversees many training issues and the daily operation of the academy is left to DPS.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

DPS reports that currently state law does not authorize the instructors to be commissioned as peace officers.

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